WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2023

The Washington Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Members present: Vice-Chairman, Robert Hrin, Supervisor, Steve McClelland, and Supervisor, Timothy Potts. Absent was Chairman, John Lougee and Supervisor, Robert Hetrick. Also present: Sarah Anderson, Secretary, Dan Whaling, Road Master, and Greg Kruk, Solicitor. Visitors: Mark Walborn and Dan Hawkins.

Vice-Chairman, Robert Hrin opened the meeting at 6 PM with a pledge allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Dan Hawkins spoke of a compressor on Tin Can Road in Snyder Township. He suggested the Board might want to consider in the future, adopting a noise ordinance to address 24/7 sound coming from sites such as gas wells and bit coin mines. Solicitor, Greg Kruk, will search for example ordinances from other townships with similar concerns.

MINUTES

On a MOTION by Timothy Potts, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the January 3, 2023, re-organizational meeting and regular monthly meeting were approved as presented.

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Timothy Potts, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the January 24, 2023 special meeting were approved as presented.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Timothy Potts, all the board voting in favor, the vouchers due for payment and the payroll were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

On a MOTION by Timothy Potts, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, the Treasurer’s report was received and filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. January permits included 3 zoning permits issued to S. Gingerich for a shed, house, & barn.
2. Secretary, Sarah Anderson, attended a meeting on February 8th for the update to Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A Municipal risk factor assessment and project opportunity form was given to each township.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor, Greg Kruk, received a draft amended Zoning Ordinance and Map from EADS Group. He will address any questions or revisions needed and update the Board next month.

NEW BUSINESS

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Timothy Potts, all the board voting in favor, the Carol Senior subdivision was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

On a MOTION by Timothy Potts, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, the Jacob & Emma Shetler subdivision was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

The Board suggested placing “No Parking” signs on Hill Street. Solicitor, Greg Kruk, will form a draft ordinance for next month since parking has to be regulated by ordinance.

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Timothy Potts, all the board voting in favor, the 2023 COG Budget was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A COG meeting was held January 23, 2023. Stone bids will be opened March 20. Supervisor, Timothy Potts, reported the COG changed to a new solicitor, the April meeting was canceled, & radios will possibly be purchased for any township interested.

A TCC meeting was held January 24, 2023. Supervisor, Steve McClelland, reported the TCC officers remain the same, they are looking in to different insurance, & discussed options for the surplus funds.

ROAD REPORT

Roadmaster, Dan Whaling, reported roads are soft. The new truck will arrive in June and then sent onward to get started on the build. The new mower should arrive towards the end of April.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by Timothy Potts, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, the board adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer